



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

**Alfalfa** harvest is active on less than half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor. Sheeping off is still active in some alfalfa growing regions. Small grain emergence is nearing completion.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and other vegetables. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, oranges, and tangerines.

	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			—Percent—		
Alfalfa	1	9	38	42	10
Range and Pasture	50	32	13	5	0

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending March 5. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Parker and Yuma to 10 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 84 degrees at various locations. The lowest reading occurred in Canyon De Chelly at 1 degree. Precipitation was

reported at 4 of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most at 0.10 inches of precipitation and Grand Canyon received the lowest precipitation at 0.03 inches. Only 11 of the 22 reporting stations have received precipitation this year to date. All of the 22 reporting stations are at below normal precipitation levels for the year.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**February 27 - March 5, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	55	2	77	31	0.00	0.00	-2.82
Buckeye	60	2	82	36	0.00	0.00	-1.50
Canyon De Chelly	47	7	69	1	0.10	0.66	-0.76
Coolidge	58	1	82	30	0.00	0.00	-1.91
Douglas	57	8	79	30	0.00	0.13	-1.22
Flagstaff	39	7	60	16	0.09	0.32	-4.23
Grand Canyon	38	10	61	10	0.03	0.27	-4.74
Kingman	51	3	73	29	0.07	0.07	-1.90
Marana	61	4	84	36	0.00	0.00	-2.52
Maricopa	61	4	82	35	0.00	0.00	-1.69
Paloma	59	-1	84	34	0.00	0.00	-1.74
Parker	59	-2	82	35	0.00	0.00	-1.58
Payson	47	5	67	26	0.00	0.21	-4.11
Phoenix	66	7	84	51	0.00	0.00	-1.50
Prescott	48	8	67	27	0.00	0.04	-3.33
Roll	60	1	84	36	0.00	0.00	-0.62
Safford	56	6	81	28	0.00	0.31	-1.12
St. Johns	50	9	73	19	0.00	0.14	-1.25
Tucson	62	7	83	42	0.00	0.00	-1.72
Willcox	56	9	81	25	0.00	0.16	-1.60
Winslow	50	8	74	19	0.00	0.05	-1.02
Yuma	60	-2	83	39	0.00	0.00	-0.63

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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